

REPRISALS FOLLOW LATEST RAIDS ON ENGLAND, PERHAPS

Believed That German Cities Will Be Attacked From Air By Allies

WERE AFTER BANK OF ENGLAND

Eleven Persons Killed and 26 Injured in Newest Outrage

(International News Service.)
An American Port, July 23.—German airmen made strenuous efforts to destroy the Bank of England in the great raid on London on July 7, according to passengers arriving from England today.

BEGIN JULY TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

BIG CROWD IN TOWN DESPITE THE VERY RAINY WEATHER

The jury term of circuit court for Morgan county began this morning at 10 o'clock with the empanelling of a jury. Despite the very rainy weather a large crowd is in town. Judge Brickell is presiding.

In the non-jury division the following cases were disposed of this morning:

Swift & Co. vs. F. A. Merriweather, on account; judgement for defendant for \$189.54.

Cox & Gordon Packing Co. vs. A. J. Jones, on account; judgement against defendant for \$198.65.

Patterson Mercantile Co. vs. W. L. Jones, on note; judgement against defendant for \$216.94.

Fuqua and Fuqua vs. C. A. Leftwich; judgement for plaintiff for \$25.74.

Patterson Mercantile Co. vs. J. F. Minor, Tom Minor and C. O. Preuit, on note; judgement for plaintiff for \$135.30.

City National Bank vs. B. P. Wallace, on note; judgement for plaintiff for \$385.89.

J. S. Pepper vs. A. C. Watson; on account; judgement for plaintiff for \$157.80.

P. R. Hutson vs. J. W. Poer, on appeal; defendant taxed with all cost since July 18, 1914.

D. Sam Cox vs. W. J. St. John, on transaction for order to sell real estate; order of sale granted.

James Orr vs. Willie Adams for possession; judgement for plaintiff for property sued for and for \$15 damage.

Wm. H. Aycock vs. Prayther Chandler, on note; judgement for plaintiff for \$144.34.

Tennessee Valley Bank vs. E. M. Brown, on note; judgement against defendant for \$93.

Local Thundershowers Predicted For Week

Local thundershowers and storms are predicted for this week, in the weekly forecast of the weather bureau for the South Atlantic and east gulf states.

The forecast follows:
"Moderately warm weather will prevail, with frequent showers and thundershowers."

DRAFTED MEN CAN STILL ENLIST IN ARMY.

Washington, July 23.—Those selected for service under the draft will be permitted to enlist in the regular army or national guard at any time prior to their call for examination before exemption boards, probably ten days hence. Provost Marshal General Crowder announced last night. They will not be allowed, however, to join the marine corps.

The first men actually drafted probably will be detailed to the regular army, in order to bring that branch up to its full war strength of 300,000, if the 35,000 enlistments needed are not obtained before examinations begin. The next will be put into the national guard.

(International News Service.)

London, July 23.—Immediate reprisals are expected to follow the German air raid over Sussex on Sunday in which eleven persons were killed outright and 26 wounded.

The Germans, evidently intended to bombard London, but their plans were frustrated by the new air defenses of the city and the raiders succeeded in dropping bombs only on Harwich and Felix Stowe.

This was the twenty-sixth raid by the Germans and it brought the total loss of life from air bombs up to 661. It is believed an attempt will be made to give the Germans a taste of their own medicine. If this decision is put into action, British airmen may make an attempt to attack some of the important cities in northern Germany.

WILSON TO TAKE POSTIVE HAND IN SHIPPING TANGLE

PRESIDENT TO CONSULT NEITHER GOETHALS OR DENMAN.

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 23.—President Wilson will settle the shipping controversy, regardless of the opinions of either Chairman William Denman of the federal shipping board, or Maj. Gen. Goethals, president of the Emergency Shipping Corporation. This was made plain at the White House today.

It was stated that the president hopes to evolve a solution which will permit commencing immediately the construction of an emergency American merchant fleet, and this statement was coupled with the announcement that the president had no intention of calling either Gen. Goethals or Mr. Denman into conference today. Officials said they believed the president will divide the work so that both men will be retained in the service of the government.

DENY THEY RESIGNED FROM SHIPPING BOARD.

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 23.—Embatic denials of reports that they have resigned from the shipping board were made today in the offices of Capt. John B. White, of Kansas City, and John A. Donald, of New York. It was stated positively in a New York paper both had handed in their resignations to President Wilson.

RAILROAD EARNINGS ARE FOUND TO BE PLENTY.

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 23.—Railroad earnings for May reported completed today by the interstate-commerce commission, bear out the commission in its recent refusal to grant freight increases.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS ARE ATTACKED BY SUBS

(International News Service.)

Paris, July 5.—By mail to New York, July 23.—American warships have emerged victoriously from two night attacks made upon them by a squadron of German submarines.



1—Latest photograph of the king of Belgium, who is shown listening to a British officer who is pointing out the strategic features of the battlefield on which they stand. 2—First Field artillery, U. S. A., putting their guns on flat cars to leave for an "unknown" destination. 3—German and Bulgar prisoners unloading stores at Saloniki. 4—Hugh M. Dorsey, new governor of Georgia.

MORGAN COUNTY DOCTORS MEET HERE ON AUG. 3

WILL DISCUSS PLANS FOR FURNISHING PHYSICIANS FOR THE NEW ARMY.

Plans have been perfected by the medical section of the state committee of national defense to hold an important meeting of the doctors of Morgan county at Albany on Friday, August 3, at the offices of Drs. C. S. and F. L. Chenault.

At this meeting will be discussed in detail the important subject of how Alabama can best and most expeditiously furnish her full quota of doctors to the national government. Dr. Goldwate, of the medical reserve corps, will be present and will be prepared to execute examinations for all applicants desiring to enter the medical reserve. Doctors are urged to communicate these facts to every member of the county society and to ask those members who are contemplating joining to avail themselves of this opportunity; more especially those who are within the conscription age and who may not already have offered.

The situation is acute and the state committee is relying on the auxiliary defense committees in each county to do their full part.

Frank Pearson is Painfully Injured

Frank Pearson, who drives a Standard oil wagon out of here, was painfully, but not dangerously injured near Trinity as a result of an accident last Saturday evening. Pearson hitched the mules to the rear of the wagon to jerk it out of a mud hole, but the jerk of the team turned the tank over. Pearson, who was trying to guide the wagon by the tongue, was knocked by the tongue against the hub and received an ugly cut on the head and a sprained arm. Dr. W. H. Watson of Decatur, and Dr. Emens of Trinity, were called and bandaged the wounds.

ALMON RHODES DIES.

BURIAL IN LAWRENCE.
The remains of little Almon Rhodes, 2-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Lumby Rhodes, four miles out on the Moulton pike, will be carried to Bald Knob in Lawrence county for interment.

A SOBER NATION EXEMPTION BOARD BEST CAN WIN FOR ALABAMA THE WORLD WAR HAS BEEN NAMED

SPEAKER ASSERTS

REV. BROOKS LAWRENCE HEARD SUNDAY AT THE FIRST METHODIST CHURCH OF DECATUR.

SAYS GERMANY IS STRONG

RECENT VISIT TO WASHINGTON CONVINCED HIM THAT AMERICA MUST PAY BIG PRICE FOR WORLD FREEDOM.

In the course of his address at the First Methodist church of Decatur yesterday morning, Rev. Brooks Lawrence, superintendent of the Alabama Anti-Saloon League, spoke of his recent month's stay in Washington and seemed deeply concerned over the magnitude and our part in the war. What the speaker said in regard to dispensing with fermented drinks was mostly in connection with the prosecution of the war. He seemed to have heard statements in Washington that led him to believe that we are in for a struggle the like of which will stagger the imagination, both for duration and fierceness, when its full force breaks upon us. He scouts the idea that Germany is near defeat, and believes that many an American soldier had as well plan to lay down his life fighting for world freedom on the plains of France.

"We must buckle on the whole armor of God," Rev. Lawrence exclaimed. "The best manhood of this city and Morgan county is to fight our battle. And we have a right to demand that the best minds and steadiest nerves shall direct their enterprises, lest any should be led into a death trap and needlessly sacrificed. We must see to it that no officer shall be allowed to use anything which tends to befuddle his brain or to cloud his reason. As good Christians we must demand the utter elimination of all strong drink during the period of the war."

Food Conservation.

"President Wilson and Mr. Hoover are making strenuous but legitimate demand that we waste nothing of a food value. If any of you ladies are the least bit wasteful it is inexcusable. Yesterday there was a bill passed that will make it a high offense to distill any grain into liquor during the period of the war. This bill also gives the president authority to commandeer spirits for the making of munitions. It will be legal to shoot booze at the Kaiser, but not so to make it from our food products. Prohibitionists will continue the fight and will seek to prohibit the making of wine and beer also, but not to the detriment of the president's food bill. Millions of soldiers can be fed on the grains and fruits that are put into wines and beers, and we are going to do all we can to make the nation

Pastoffices Will Stop Night Service

Postmasters Crawford of Decatur, and Alexander of Albany, authorized the announcement today that on August 1 the practice of holding the stamp and general delivery windows of the postoffices open from 7 to 8 o'clock each week night will be discontinued.

The decision of the postmasters to close the windows at night was announced when it became evident that the attention of the postal clerks to the windows took too much time from their other duties of dispatching the mails. A careful summary of the stamp receipts during the night hour by the postmasters also disclosed the fact that but few persons take advantage of the night opening.

Along with this announcement came word from the Albany postoffice that the closing of the window will allow the clerk on night duty to open the mail from Nos. 5 on the L. & N., and No. 43 on the Southern, the trains from Nashville and Chattanooga. This mail will be distributed in the boxes by 9 o'clock and special delivery letters coming on these trains will be delivered. Authorities of the Albany postoffice feel that the local public will value this improvement in mail service more than the usual hour's opening at night.

TARNOPOL TAKEN FROM RUSSIANS NOW IN FLIGHT

Germans Continue to Drive Republican Troops Back in Galicia

OFFENSIVE IN WEST IS STOPPED

Great Drive Against French and English Fully Checked

(International News Service.)

London, July 23.—Dispatches received today at the Russian embassy declare disorder in Petrograd has been suppressed. Soldiers taking part in the riots have been disarmed and dismissed and many suspects have been arrested and energetic measures have been taken to keep down disorder.

(International News Service.)

Petrograd, July 23.—The capture of a series of German trenches and 1,000 German prisoners in the Vilna sector was reported by the Russian war office today. This is the first extension of the Russian offensive beyond the borders of Galicia. The lack of stability among the Russian forces fighting in Galicia continues. The official statement says: "As a result of this the German offensive remains unchecked."

(International News Service.)

Geneva, July 23.—Russian troops have evacuated the Galician city of Tarnopol, and the Germans have either entered it or are on the point of doing so, according to unofficial advices from Berlin today.

The city was partially destroyed by flames. The Russian hold on Halicz and Stanislaw is seriously menaced by the Austro-German offensive.

The dispatch added that the Russian retreat continues.

GERMANS FAIL IN GREAT WESTERN EFFORT

(International News Service.)
Paris, July 23.—Despite new concentration of troops and guns, terrific assaults with the bayonet and violent bombardments, the Germans have failed in their mighty effort to break through the French front on the Aisne river fighting line. All day Sunday and all last night infantry actions and furious artillery duels raged between the Aisne and Ailette rivers. Enormous losses were inflicted upon the Germans.

FRENCH TRENCHES STORMED; GERMANS MOWN DOWN.

(International News Service.)
Paris, July 23.—French trenches on the Casements plateau, north of the Aisne river, were stormed by the Germans in a furious battle that raged all night, the war office admitted today. Huge masses of Germans were flung forward into the devastating fire of the French guns and they sustained terrible losses.

BONE DRY FATE IP TO CONFERENCE

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 23.—The senate this afternoon voted down a motion of Senator Trammell of Florida, to reconsider the food control bill passed Saturday.

(International News Service.)
Washington, July 23.—Prohibition's fate now rests with the congressional conference to which the house is expected to send the food control bill today.

The houses are wide apart on the liquor question. Both have tabooed whiskey making. It remains for them to get together on what shall be done with beer and wine. With the president himself opposed to beer and wine prohibition, it is the prediction of the best informed leaders of both houses that these two beverages will be exempted from the ban.

Funeral Services For S. P. Sigsbee Today

Funeral services for S. P. Sigsbee, who died here suddenly from apoplexy early Saturday morning, will be held at 5:30 this afternoon at the City cemetery. Rev. W. B. Strong will officiate at the funeral and the burial will be in charge of the Odd Fellows, of which fraternity deceased was a member.

Mr. Sigsbee was 72 years old and had been here two years. Friends in Alma, Mich., have been advised of his death, but so far nothing has been heard from them. He has no relatives here.

Official List of Draft Numbers to Leave Washington Tonight

Is Now Practically Complete. County Boards to Pick Out Numbers

Washington, July 23.—Federal jurisdiction over the operation of the draft ceases today.

The fortunes of more than a million American young men called to the colors in the first draft will rest in the hands of the local exemption boards and the district boards, when Provost Marshal General Crowder mails the official lists of men called late today.

The official list is now in the hands of the government printers, and will be ready for distribution to local boards by tonight. The list will contain the entire 10,500 numbers drawn in the order in which they were drawn. Each local board will then have to eliminate the numbers higher than the highest number in their jurisdiction.

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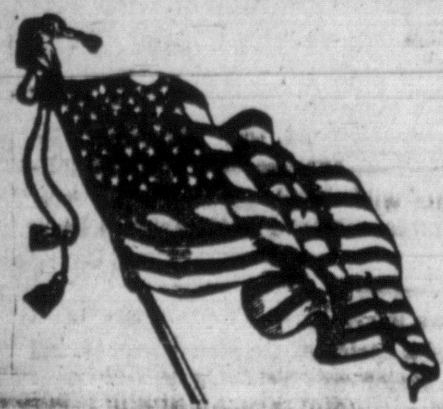
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EXEMPTION BOARD DOES NOTABLE PUBLIC SERVICE.

The local public, intensely interested in the result of the big human lottery held at Washington last week, when millions of men were drawn for army service, should not lose sight of the splendid public service rendered by the Morgan county exemption board and the county registration board, the personnel of which is the same. This board, composed of Circuit Clerk Draper, Sheriff Forman and County Health Officer Murray, has rendered probably the most remarkable gratuitous service in the history of the county. Their labors have been inspired by patriotism and have had no other reward than the satisfaction that comes from having performed a duty well.

Circuit Clerk Draper, upon whom the brunt of the clerical work has fallen, especially deserves the commendation of the loyal citizens of Morgan county. His office has been a bee hive of activity for weeks, and the task is as yet far from complete. The several hundred men summoned for the first call must be examined and their exemptions passed upon, in the event that exemptions are claimed. This will require the closest care in the filling out of affidavits as well as a vast amount of patience and diplomacy in handling a situation that is unique in the annals of the county and that has no precedent that may serve as a guide. Throughout the trying ordeal to which they have been subjected, the members of the exemption-registration board have shown the utmost courtesy and consideration to every one with whom they have had to deal. They have worked diligently in the discharge of a trust that was not of their seeking and with fairness towards all. They are doing their "bit" towards winning the war in a most effective way.

CONSERVATION, AN OLD AMERICAN ISSUE.

That part of the conservation program relating to the distillation of grain is not so new as the average American, given to attributing such reforms to the exigencies of the war, might think. One hundred and forty years ago, according to a speech delivered in congress by Senator Henry L. Myers, of Montana, a resolution somewhat similar to the "bone dry" provision of the food control act was passed by the Continental congress.

The text of the resolution was:
Resolved: That it be recommended to the several legislatures of the United States, immediately to pass laws the most effectual for putting an immediate stop to the pernicious practice of distilling grain, by which the most extensive evils are likely to be derived, if not quickly prevented.

In commenting on this resolution, Senator Myers said: "The Continental congress passed a more sensible and more effectual bill in five minutes than this senate, living in these days of enlightened progress, has been able to pass in five weeks."

After all, the "bone dry" bill is only old wine in new jugs.

Uncle Sam wants bakers for the new army. Who'll respond to the country's need?

Determined to Enter Service of His Country

Howard Couch left this morning for Knoxville, Tenn., in the expectation he has been drafted in the army. Mr. Couch volunteered recently, but was rejected, and after undergoing an operation to make him fit and recuperating, is now in such physical condition that will no doubt permit his entrance in the army.

Peace Conference Again Postponed

Stockholm, July 23.—Another postponement in the main session of the International socialist peace conference was announced today. It will open September 1.

President Fights Back of Hoover

(International News Service.) Washington, July 23.—A test of strength between the president and the section of the senate that succeeded in amending the food control bill to create a three-man commission, instead of giving Herbert Hoover complete authority, is at hand. The administration let it be known today that it stands firmly on its demand that the one-man dictatorship be retained.

SOME MARKS OF BRIGHTNESS

Intelligent Boy and Girl Declared to Be Conscientious, Moderately Robust, Athletic and Popular.

In summing up his conclusions on the relationship of intelligence to the size and shape of the head, Karl Pearson is quoted in the Journal of Heredity as making these statements about the intelligence of children:
"To sum up, then: While no characters in schoolchildren so far dealt with show very high correlation with intelligence, we may say that the intelligent boy is markedly conscientious, is moderately robust, athletic and popular; he tends rather to quick than to sullen temper. He is more self-conscious and quieter than the dull boy; he has a slightly bigger head, and possibly lighter pigmentation than those of more mediocre intelligence. His hair has a larger percentage of curliness."

"The intelligent girl is also markedly conscientious, moderately robust, athletic, and popular. She, too, tends to quick and rather sullen temper. She is less self-conscious than the dull girl, and noisier than the girl of mediocre intelligence. It is the slow girl who is quiet and shy. The intelligent girl has a slightly bigger head than the dull girl, and her hair is more likely to be wavy and much less likely to be curly."

FOUND THE PRISONER GUILTY

But Jury's Verdict Had Nothing to Do With Charge on Which Defendant Was Tried.

A barrister with a long experience of queer juries in the mining regions of Pennsylvania tells the following amusing story as illustrating their eccentricities:

A man was charged with committing a murderous assault upon another as a result of some political differences.

The assault having been committed at night, there appeared to be some difficulty in identifying the assailant, and, as a matter of fact, the counsel for the defense made out an excellent case for the prisoner, calling witnesses to testify that he was nowhere near the spot where the assault took place on the night in question.

Everybody concerned fully expected that the jury would bring in a verdict of acquittal, yet, to the general astonishment, the foreman announced that the prisoner had been found guilty.

"But," he added, "observing the general consternation created by his statement, 'not guilty of this assault, yer honor. This is the spalpeen who stole Biddy McCarthy's pig last year, and we found him guilty of that!'"

The Russian Peasants.

The taking over of some of the czar's landed possessions recalls the fact that Albert J. Beveridge, in his book, "The Russian Advance," published a few years ago and in which he gathered political, social and economic facts, states that even then the Russian peasant was looking forward "to a second emancipation, giving them new additions of land absolutely and without any cost whatever to themselves." When the peasant ceased to be a slave he did not comprehend that he was still not free to use his master's tools or to cut from the landowner's forests timber for his use. "The most curious situations," says Mr. Beveridge, "are even yet arising, growing out of this inability of the peasant to comprehend the obligation as well as the benefits of his emancipation. Liberties are taken by the Russian proprietor with the property of a Russian proprietor which would not be tolerated for an instant by an American in the same situation. In all of this there is not the slightest impertinence, nor the least intention to wrong the landed proprietor, nor the faintest conception on the part of the peasant that there is anything immoral in what he does. He or his fathers did the like before, and he just continues to do the same as a matter of course."

Voice of the People

The Albany-Decatur Daily:

The press reports sent out from this point, as well as your own interesting journal, have made so many erroneous statements concerning the imprisonment of Jerre Houston, a colored boy of Decatur, in the federal reform school at Washington, for juvenile offenders, that I am taking the liberty to ask you to make a statement of the facts of his case, which I think will prove more interesting to your readers than the imperfect information referred to.

Jerre was employed at the Decatur postoffice as a special delivery messenger, and was arrested after a month's service for stealing a special delivery letter addressed to Julia Murphy, colored, Decatur, Alabama. He was not charged with stealing a mail sack, nor with cutting a mail sack at the Southern depot, nor with breaking into the postoffice.

He earnestly protested his innocence; he claimed that he had never received the letter, and the blank space in his delivery book showed that he never claimed that he had delivered the letter.

Upon his conviction he prayed a writ of error to the United States circuit court of appeals at New Orleans, and the writ was granted by United States Circuit Judge R. W. Walker, upon the ground that his conviction was illegal, in that it was unsupported by the evidence, and that the indictment against him having been returned by a grand jury organized and empaneled at Birmingham for an offense alleged to have been committed in Decatur, in another division, was illegal, which has been very recently held by an appellate court.

Jerre was not placed in the Morgan county jail, nor was he arrested and taken to the federal reform school. He was at liberty on bond.

Jerre voluntarily requested his attorney to dismiss this appeal, and permit him to commence serving his term, stating that while he was entirely innocent of the offense, he was surrounded by evil companions whom he could not shake off, and he felt that unless he could in some manner rid himself of them he was likely to fall into real and serious trouble, and that he preferred the federal reform school to further association with former associates.

His attorney agreed with him in his purpose, and he voluntarily delivered himself to the federal authorities.

The situation of this boy, as to evil associations, is one of the real dangers that menace many a man and boy, and would seem to me to furnish a fruitful and interesting theme for your readers.

Very truly yours,
H. V. CASHIN.

American Gunners Pound U-Boats

(International News Service.) New York, July 23.—The Kaiser's U-boat fleet has suffered considerably at the hands of American gunners since the United States entered the war, if the stories told by the officers and enthusiastic passengers on arriving ships are entirely true.

In less than four months American gunners are credited with having accounted for fifteen submarines.

AMUSEMENTS

MUSICAL COMEDY AT THE MASONIC ALL THIS WEEK.

At the Masonic theatre all this week Clyde Reynolds presents his "Wonderland Girls" Musical Comedy Company, featuring "Skeeter" Quinn and "Boots" Walton, and a bevy of pretty girls, and all the latest up-to-date song hits of the season, that will keep the old as well as the young folks whistling, singing and humming for a long time. Mr. Quinn and Mr. Walton are both well-known musical stars, and you will be using their catch lines on the street without knowing it. If you have the blues don't fail to hear "Skeeter" Quinn, and if he don't cure you, see a doctor; and "Boots" Walton, the dancing "fool," will dance them away and make you forget them.

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Billy Mc Curry Appointed Agent

Billy Mc Curry has accepted the agency for the Birmingham News, and will in future have charge of the delivery and collection for that publication in Albany. Billy is an active youngster who will make a valuable representative for the News.

Ocean Rates to Be Regulated by U. S. and Allies

(International News Service.) Washington, July 23.—The entente allies and the United States shortly will combine to regulate ocean freight rates. Negotiations already have developed almost to the point of maturity. The United States, England, France, Italy and Japan have formally agreed to the principle of international ocean freight rate regulation.

President Back at the White House

(International News Service.) Washington, July 23.—After an uneventful trip up the Potomac, President and Mrs. Wilson returned to the White House shortly after 8 o'clock this morning from their week-end voyage to Hampton Roads. The president was expected to take up the shipping board muddle during the day.

Business or professional cards printed or engraved. The Daily.

Official Table

A verages of the Sunday Schools of Albany and Decatur
This report is published each week:

Sunday, July, 22 1917

SCHOOL	Total Enrolled	No. Present	Per cent School
First Baptist, Decatur.....	125	90	720
Central Baptist, Albany.....	246	167	679
Baptist South Albany.....	195	105	539
Baptist, East Albany.....	172	102	593
First Christian, Albany.....	80	46	575
First Methodist, Decatur.....	311	192	617
Central Methodist, Albany.....	448	261	582
Ninth Street Methodist, South Albany...	183	120	656
First Presbyterian, Decatur.....	100	49	490
West Side Presbyterian West Albany...	210	104	495
Westminster Presb't'n, Albany.....	125	57	456
Willoughby Presbyterian, South Albany...	130	92	707
St. John Episcopalian.....	70	30	428
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A BARGAIN—For quick sale, one sound mare, well built, with very good buggy and harness, for \$75; need the money. See me at 1010 Jackson street, East Albany. 23-3t

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—Overland ninety, light four touring car, latest model, in perfect condition, for Ford roadster or horse and buggy; reason, need roadster or horse and buggy for collector. Morgan Brokerage Co. 23-3t

TO LOAN—\$2,000 on desirable residence or business property at 7% interest; no delay.

FOR SALE—Two-story residence in best part of Albany; bath, furnace heat, electricity and gas. A bargain at \$2700, on easy terms. W. A. Bibb & Son, Phone 328. 23-6t

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WANTED TO LOAN—Quick. Forty acres well improved land; fine residence; large barn; in Hillsboro; rare bargain for idle dollars. Only \$1250 for from one to five years. Box 57, Decatur, Ala. 20-3t

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WANTED—Old False Teeth; don't matter if broken. I pay \$2 to \$15 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. F. Terl, 403 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore, Md. 18-6t

ROOMS FOR RENT—Furnished; good neighborhood; good ventilation, cool and light; bath and electric lights; \$5.00 per month. The Tavern. Phone Albany 9108. 17-6t

FOR RENT—Five-room cottage, 716 Sixth avenue, west; electric lights and bath. Possession given at once. J. L. Proctor. Phone Albany 329-J or 95.

OLD FALSE TEETH WANTED—Don't matter if broken. I pay \$2.00 to \$15 per set. Send by parcel post and receive check by return mail. L. Mazer, 2007 S. 5th St. Philadelphia, Pa. J 6-20

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FOR RENT—Eight-room house. 448 Johnston street. Apply A. D. Jefferson. 19-tf

WANTED—Applications for all kinds of surety bonds. D. M. Carr, agent Fidelity & Deposit Company of Baltimore, Md. Office over Decatur Drug Co. P. O. Box 304, Decatur, Ala. M 15-tf

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(Comptroller's Call)

June 20, 1917.

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and Discounts.....\$362,897.83	Capital Stock.....\$100,000.00
Overdrafts.....366.94	Surplus.....20,000.00
Building and Fixtures.....23,600.86	Undivided Profits.....38,430.94
Other Real Estate.....1,681.50	Reserve for Interest.....1,853.11
U. S. Bonds.....110,000.00	Reserve for Taxes.....862.32
Other Bonds.....23,639.44	Circulation.....95,100.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank.....3,600.00	Due Banks.....312.43
Five per cent Fund.....5,000.00	Deposits.....408,592.65
Cash and due from Banks 131,364.53	
\$665,161.50	\$665,161.50

SOCIETY

Margaret Clinton Shelton, Phone 682, Albany

WET WEATHER TALK.

(By James Whitcomb Riley.)

I haven't no use to grumble and complain.
It's just as cheap and easy to rejoice.
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
W'y, rain's my choice.

Men gingerly, to all intents—
Although they're apt to grumble some—
Puts most their trust in Providence,
And takes things as they come—
That is the commonality
Of men that's lived as long as me.
Has watched the world enough to learn
They're not the boss of this concern.

With some, of course, it's different—
I've saw young men that knowed it all
And didn't like the way things went
On this terrestriul ball—
But all the same, the rain, some way,
Rained jest as hard on picnic day;
Er, when they rally wanted it,
It mayn't wouldn't rain a bit!

In this existance, dry and wet
Will overtake the best of men.
Some little skiff o' clouds'll shet
The sun off now and then—
And mayly, whillee you're wonderin' who
You've fool-like lent your umbrell' to;
And want it—out'll pop the sun,
And you'll be glad you hafn't got none!

It aggravates the farmers, too—
They's too much wet, er too much sun,
Er work, er waitin' round to do
Before the plowin's done;
And mayly, like as not, the wheat,
Jest as it's lookin' hard to beat,
Will ketch the storm—and jest about
The time the corn's a-buttin' out.

These hefe cyclones a-foolin' 'round—
And back'ard crops—and wind and rain,
And yit the corn that's wallered down
May elbow up again!
They hain't no sense, as I can see,
Fer mortuls, sich as us, to be
A-faultin' natchur's wise intents,
And lockin' horns with Providence!

It hain't no use to grumble and complain,
It's jest as cheap and easy to rejoice—
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
W'y, rain's my choice.

POINTER-McJILTON WEDDING

SOLEMNIZED SUNDAY.
The marriage of Mrs. Nellie Newsom Pointer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Newsom, to Mr. Will McJilton, was solemnized Sunday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents. Friends and relatives of both families gathered at 12 o'clock to witness the ceremony that was pronounced by Dr. Jesse Cook. The bride entered on the arm of the groom, chic in a taffetta suit of dark blue, with grey accessories, and carried an arm bouquet of bride's roses. The happy pair left immediately for Birmingham; their future home. Mr. McJilton is connected with the Bruce Pattern Company of that city.

CHARMING VISITOR IN HUNTSVILLE.

Mrs. M. C. Bullard, of Detroit, Mich. who is spending the summer with friends and relatives in Albany, was the delightful guest the past week of Mrs. A. S. Graham. Mrs. Bullard will be remembered as the beautiful and attractive Marce Carney of Kentucky. By her charming personality Mrs. Bullard counts her friends and admirers by all who know her and a most cordial greeting always awaits her here—Huntsville Mercury.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Dix and children, Madeline and Arthur, are attending the Baptist State Sunday School convention at Pelham, Ala., that opens on tomorrow, when Mr. Dix, as president, will deliver the address of welcome. Rev. Jesse A. Cook, pastor of the First Baptist church of Decatur, will speak on tomorrow morning on "Organizing the Sunday School."

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dupont and children visited Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Dupont for the week-end, en route from Louisville to Trinity to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roup, the parents of Mrs. Dupont. Information has been received here by friends that Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones have reached Chicago after a pleasant trip with ideal weather, and that they will go to Battle Creek, Mich., this week.

Miss Agnes Weems is expected to return from Crystal Springs, Miss., this week, where she is visiting relatives.

Mrs. Chas. Hardeman and little son, Robert, left this morning for a few weeks' visit to her father, J. D. Baugh, at Thompson Station, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zeitler returned to Mooresville today, after spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Corbier.

Misses Bonnie and Alice Stockton have returned from Florence, where they attended school.

Miss Lila Thomas, of Valdosta, Ga., arrived yesterday afternoon to be the guest of Mrs. E. J. Polhill on Oak street. Miss Thomas has recently been the charming guest of her aunt, Mrs. Thomas, in Birmingham, where she was the recipient of much social attention.

The condition of Mrs. W. H. Aycock is reported greatly improved today.

Miss Maud Odom returned from Leighton today, where she visited relatives and friends.

Mrs. E. M. Odom and Miss Lillian will visit in Birmingham Tuesday.

D. D. Burleson and wife, of Hartselle, were the week-end guests of Mrs. D. L. Downs.

Mrs. L. J. Ramage and daughter, Eleanor, are spending the week in Hartselle.

Dorothy Patterson is visiting relatives in Sheffield.

Mrs. W. W. Williams and children are visiting in the eastern end of the county.

Miss Annie Laura Neville and Dan Walden, of Trinity, were guests at the home of Mrs. G. O. Simpson on yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Black will return to Birmingham soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Garnett left this morning for Savannah, Ga., where they will sail for New York and other eastern markets, expecting to be gone three or four weeks.

Miss Mabel Nesbit, who has been visiting friends in Reform and Clayton, Ala., for several weeks, is expected to return tonight.

Miss Rhea Lide is expected home next week after an extended eastern trip.

Miss Victoria Burns will leave the latter part of the week to visit friends in Tusculumbia before returning to her home in Booneville, Miss.

Miss Sue Simpson, having enjoyed a ten days' vacation here, returned to Birmingham today.

Misses Julia and Sue Simpson have returned from Trinity, where they visited friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff D. Minor and children, of Tusculumbia, arrived on Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. John M. Minor.

Mrs. E. L. Gray and children will leave Thursday for Louisville, Indianapolis and Chicago.

Miss Zulie Gibson has returned from Tusculumbia, where she took a summer course in pedagogy.

Mrs. R. E. Sanders and daughter, Miss Mary Grace, are with relatives at Scottsboro.

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PERSONALS

Tooney Buttrely, after a visit to his father, J. A. Buttrely, expects to go to Gallatin, Tenn., the latter part of the week.

Dr. F. P. Petty has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

J. A. Buttrely expects to leave for New York on Thursday to buy a stock for fall trade.

William Kilday, of Williamsport, Pa., is quite ill, and his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Buttrely, may leave at any time for his home.

A. T. Le Fils left yesterday for Battle Creek, Mich. On his return, about August 1, Mr. and Mrs. Le Fils and Sam Frank will motor to Florida for a month's stay at coast resorts.

Ed Williams is visiting in Nashville and Cincinnati.

Howard Couch has returned to Knoxville, after visiting relatives in Albany.

The stork has brought to Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Edwards of Lock Six, a bundle of sunshine and named it Augustin Dean Edwards III.

Dr. O. P. Board and Dr. G. E. Murphy, of Birmingham, passed through in a car Sunday.

James Martin of Landersville, visited friends in Albany for the week-end.

Alwyn Vickers, of Well Bros. cotton buyers, is in Decatur for a few days.

Judge Brickell, of Huntsville, is visiting Albany.

R. E. Sanders is at Louisville, Ky.

River Falls Despite The Great Rain

The heavy rains of yesterday and today have not affected the river so far. The stage registered this morning was 8.4 feet, and falling. However the recent rains will likely cause another rise in a few days.

Flint creek is reported to be already flooding lowlands, and still rising. Advices from Huntsville today say that an unusual hard rain fell there yesterday.

The rain this morning was so brisk that water stood in some of the main streets. The walk just below Malone's garage was several inches under water for about an hour. The pond just back of the Standard Oil filling station spread itself out over the street and car line.

Miss M. R. Leatham will re-open her school September 17th, at 720, corner Line and Cherry streets.

Kaiser in Confab With Socialists

(International News Service.) Amsterdam, July 23.—Before leaving for the eastern front, the Kaiser held a conference with various Reichstag leaders, said a dispatch from Berlin today. Among those with whom the Kaiser talked were a number of socialists. The dispatch quoted the Kaiser as predicting that the ruthless submarine war would eventually bring the doom of England.

Labor Federation on Trail Spies

(International News Service.) New York, July 23.—Under instructions from President Samuel Gompers, officials of the American Federation of Labor today launched a campaign to rid that organization of German spies.

Mountain Home Lodge Memorial Service

Mountain Home Lodge, No. 591, I. O. O. F., will hold an anniversary and memorial service on Saturday, July 28, at Mountain home. On this occasion a picnic will be had, speeches made and music by the band. A cordial invitation is extended to Odd Fellows and all others to attend.

Your Last Chance

Our Special House Wiring Campaign Will End August First

Everyone who is interested in the welfare and comfort of the home should look into the merits of this proposition. No matter how well a home is furnished or appointed, it has a great big essential lacking when it hasn't electric lights. Terms are as follows:

3 Rooms	\$ 5.55;	Terms \$.49	Cash and \$.46	per month for 11 months
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6 "	11.10;	" .98 "	" .92 "	" " 11 "
7 "	12.95;	" 1.18 "	" 1.07 "	" " 11 "
8 "	14.80;	" 1.27 "	" 1.23 "	" " 11 "
9 "	16.65;	" 1.47 "	" 1.38 "	" " 11 "
10 "	18.50;	" 1.56 "	" 1.54 "	" " 11 "

These terms are the most liberal that have ever been offered by this Company or any other Company that we know of. We sincerely hope that every one will avail themselves of this opportunity.

For the balance of July we will sell Electric Irons, worth \$4.50, for \$3.00 \$1.00 down and 50c per month. We Will continue to sell Gas Ranges at the old prices until August First.

Call at the Albany or Decatur offices, telephones 303, and if you are interested we will have our representative call to see you.

(All above supplies and materials were bought before prices advanced. When we buy again it will be at greatly advanced prices.)

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY SYSTEM

ARKANSAS CHURCH CALLS DR. MAYS

PASTOR OF CENTRAL BAPTIST
CHURCH, HOWEVER, MAY NOT
ACCEPT.

A copy of the El Dorado (Ark.) Times, which reached here today, brought the information that Dr. Livingston T. Mays, pastor of the Central Baptist church of this city, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of El Dorado. Says the Times:

Dr. Livingston T. Mays, of Albany, Ala., was extended a call by the First Baptist church of this city, last Sunday night.

Dr. Mays is regarded one of the strongest men in the Southern Baptist convention. He is a member of the committee on the Sunday school board and through his influence many improvements have been made in the literature. He was for two years consul to Canada. He has served a number of the leading Baptist churches of Texas, Alabama and Georgia. He built the Third avenue church at Houston, Texas. He built the Cuban college of the Southern Baptist convention in Cuba. He has traveled extensively and a man of profound learning. He is a strong preacher and an able pastor.

The Baptist people of this city will be exceedingly fortunate to secure him as their pastor.

Although the above church is the largest and wealthiest in Southern Arkansas, and has a Sunday school of 600, it is probable that he will decline the call and remain in Albany, as many of his friends are urging him to do.

A SOBER NATION CAN WIN BEST

(Continued from Page One.)

bone dry during the war, as occasion may present itself."

Napoleon and His Bugle Boy.

Rev. Lawrence spoke from the words: "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward," and he displayed his oratorical ability in one place during the sermon. It was where he was rallying his hearers to the necessity of forward movement. He said: "Once in one of his decisive battles Napoleon saw that his troops were being mercilessly hammered by the foe, and that the line showed signs of wavering. On the great general's order to his bugler to sound a retreat, the boy replied: 'Sir, I do not know how; but I can sound a charge that will take us to victory. You know how I blew the charge at Lodi and at the Pyramids. Let me sound it again.' At the order of his general the bugle boy sounded such a mighty charge that wavering soldiers were galvanized into frenzied heroes and they swept on to victory."

Phonograph Records Wanted by the "Y" For Use Of Army

The local Y. M. C. A. is urging residents of Albany and Decatur to contribute phonograph records for the use of the new army. Secretary Thompson will send for these records, if the "Y" is notified by telephone, he said today, and when a sufficient number have been received they will be boxed and crated and sent to Atlanta, from which point they will be forwarded for distribution. It is expected that many hundreds of records will be given to this cause by patriotic local citizens.

Locked Up in Post Office, Blind Man Spends Quiet Time

A blind man who inadvertently was locked in the lobby of the Albany postoffice Sunday evening early, spent a quiet time until he was finally released by one of the employees of the office who had been notified of the imprisoned man's predicament. When the night man at the office locked the front door, he did so without being aware that the building was tenanted. The blind man did not know that the door had been locked, until he tried to obtain egress. He attracted the attention of passersby by knocking on the door, and was released as quickly as possible.

WILLFUL MISREPRESENTATION Of L & N Railroad Co by Western Union Telegraph Co DISCLOSED BY THE FACTS

The People Shall Be Advised

Five years ago the L. & N. Railroad Co. inaugurated a policy of publicity, designed to inform the public through the medium of paid advertisements, concerning problems involved in the operation of the L. & N., and to correct and refute any false, misleading or malicious statements made about the L. & N. Carrying out that policy the L. & N. here issues an advertisement of the misrepresentations practiced by the Western Union Telegraph Co., secure in the belief that the people will see that justice is done. And the L. & N. puts the Western Union Telegraph Co. on notice that any further misrepresentations will be as promptly and vigorously exposed. The people shall be advised.

Representatives of the Western Union Telegraph Co. recently secured a large number of affidavits from people in the States of Alabama and Florida (the affidavits having been previously prepared in the offices of the Western Union representatives) upon the misrepresentation that the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. was about to cut down the telegraph poles of the Western Union Telegraph Co. and forcibly remove the telegraph wires from the L. & N. right of way in the State of Alabama, thereby disrupting business and social telegraphic facilities, jeopardizing Montgomery's and Alabama's chances of securing an army cantonment, and otherwise seriously interfering with the Army's success in the successful prosecution of the world war.

By this misrepresentation, and before the L. & N. had any knowledge of the unwarranted activity, or any opportunity to issue a statement of the facts, many prominent and patriotic citizens were deceived into signing the affidavits, thereby giving aid to the Western Union in its secret effort to create prejudice against the L. & N.

Without the slightest foundation in fact, and in violation of business ethics, the Western Union caused its attorneys, without regard for or consideration of the Federal Judge before whom the hearing was then pending, to present the matter to the Secretary of War of the United States and to the Attorney General of the United States.

Being deceived by the Western Union, Secretary of War Baker telegraphed to the President of the L. & N., and Attorney General Gregory wrote to the Federal Judge who then had the case in charge, that the L. & N. must not be permitted, in view of the present war situation, to cut down the poles and forcibly remove the wires of the Western Union from the L. & N. right of way in Alabama.

Not to the knowledge of the L. & N. does any chapter of history of business contain a parallel to this effrontery and misrepresentation practiced by the Western Union Telegraph Co.

FACTS IN THE CASE

In 1884 the Western Union Telegraph Co. entered into a contract with the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co. whereby the poles and wires of the telegraph company were to occupy a section along the right of way of the railroad company. The contract contained a clause that notice was to be given twelve months in advance of an intention on the part of either party to continue or terminate the contract at the expiration date.

In accordance with the terms of the contract, the mere existence of which constituted an acknowledgment by the Western Union of the right of the L. & N. to exercise authority over and ownership of a right of way which the L. & N. held either by deed of gift or outright purchase, the Western Union gave voluntary notice within the stipulated time of its intention to terminate the contract on August 17th, 1912.

Thereupon the Western Union instituted condemnation proceedings in the courts in an effort to secure the L. & N. right of way without any contract or obligation to the L. & N. at all.

WESTERN UNION ENJOINS L. & N.

Correctly anticipating that the L. & N. would resist this proceeding to the full extent of its ability the Western Union, under date of December 28th, 1912, secured from the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Kentucky a temporary injunction to prevent the L. & N. from removing the Western Union poles and wires given the railroad right of way, (the L. & N. having given the telegraph company 4 months notice to remove its wires and poles) and then began to push its condemnation proceedings.

The law of Alabama, a most excellent law, which protects the interests of the people against those who enjoy the right of eminent domain, stipulates: "If the property sought to be condemned, or any portion thereof, or interest therein, has already been subjected or devoted to a public use, such land or portion thereof, or interest therein, shall not be taken for another and different character of public use unless an actual necessity for the specific land or portion thereof, or interest therein shall be alleged and proven, and unless it be alleged and proven that such other and different character of public use will not materially interfere with the public use to which such property is already subjected or devoted."

The law was passed by Alabama in 1903 and is the law of the State at the present time. However, and without regard to State Rights, or authority of Alabama to pass laws for its government, the Western Union asserted that it had every right to condemn the right of way of the L. & N. Railroad Co. in Alabama without compliance with the provisions of this law.

COURT DECISIONS FAVOR L. & N.

Upon its failure to secure a favorable decision in first one Alabama court and then another, including the Supreme Court of that state, the Western Union carried its contention to the Supreme Court of the United States, where, after one brief week, a decision was rendered adversely to the Western Union and in favor of the L. & N.

In compliance with the voluntary termination of the contract by the Western Union, and in accordance with the decision of the various courts of Alabama and of the Supreme Court of the United States rendered on June 11th, 1917, the L. & N. filed with the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Kentucky, which Court granted the temporary injunction, an amended and supplemental answer to the injunction, seeking to have the temporary injunction dissolved insofar as the injunction related to the L. & N. right of way in the State of Alabama.

ALLOW REASONABLE TIME

In its application to the Court the L. & N. said: "Therefore, the defense (The L. & N.) prays that the temporary injunction granted herein on Dec. 28th, 1912, and since continued in force from time to time, be dissolved insofar as the plaintiff's telegraph lines on defendant's railroad right of way situated in the State of Alabama are concerned, and if the court shall be of opinion under the facts disclosed by the record herein that such dissolution should be upon equitable terms and conditions, and that plaintiff (the Western Union) should be allowed a reasonable time in which to remove the telegraph poles, wires or apparatus owned by the plaintiff from defendant's said right of way, situated in Alabama, and to vacate the premises occupied, then, and in that event, the defendant prays that such time, for that purpose, be limited to a period of three months, with the assistance of the defendant to be furnished as hereinbefore set forth."

The assistance to be rendered by the L. & N. to the Western Union constituted "furnishing of cars, engines and necessary equipment at and between stations for the purpose of effecting such removal."

Competent telegraph experts, at the expense of the L. & N., had previously estimated that the Western Union could easily remove its poles and wires from the L. & N. right of way within three months without any interference or interruption to Western Union telegraphic service whatsoever; and further, that the Western Union had every legal right to occupy a right of way for its poles and wires along the margin of any public highway, as permitted by the just and liberal laws of Alabama.

HAD NOTICE IN ADVANCE

A copy of the motion to dissolve the injunction was served in advance on the Western Union, and the Western Union had complete information in advance of the orderly and legal procedure proposed by the L. & N., and had further knowledge that the L. & N. would be in contempt of the United States Court if it removed or attempted to remove, by force or otherwise, the Western Union poles and

wires from the L. & N. right of way until full and complete hearing and final dissolution of the temporary injunction.

In spite of these facts the Western Union secured affidavits throughout Alabama, and in sections of Florida, on the misrepresentation that destruction of Western Union property by the L. & N. was imminent, with consequent serious interference with the successful prosecution of the world war.

Adjutant General G. J. Hubbard, of Alabama, was induced to sign an affidavit wherein was recited the serious consequences to the mobilization of troops in Alabama, which consequences "any destruction or interference with the Western Union Telegraph Company's lines along the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in Alabama would be a most serious handicap to the military service, and asks that said lines of said telegraph company be not removed or interfered with until a reasonable time after the termination of the present war."

Commandant C. P. Nelson, of the United States Navy Aeronautic Station at Pensacola, Fla., was induced to sign an affidavit along similar lines, and concluded with the request "that the lines of said telegraph company be not ordered removed from the right of way of said railroad company until a reasonable time after the termination of the present world war."

United States Marshal Jas. B. Perkins, for the Northern District of Florida, was induced to give an affidavit outlining that serious consequences would result to the business interests, naval vessels and merchant marine service, and concluded with the request "that the lines of said telegraph company in Alabama be not ordered removed from the right of way of said railroad company until a reasonable time after the termination of the war."

(How many misrepresentations are being made in the name of the war!)

Many other patriotic citizens who signed affidavits upon similar misrepresentations later expressed regret and stated had they known the facts in the case they never would have signed. A great many refused outright to sign the affidavits, and others gave counter affidavits, upon being told the facts in the case, withdrawing and refuting statements contained in the Western Union affidavits.

MAKES THE WAR THE EXCUSE

Having completed its chain of misrepresentation the Western Union caused its attorneys to present in confidence its tissue of distorted facts to Secretary of War Baker, the conference culminating in the following formal letter addressed to the Secretary of War by the attorneys for the Western Union:

"Washington, D. C., June 28th, 1917. Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. Sir: Confirming conversation yesterday with several officials of your department, and on behalf of the Western Union Telegraph Company, we beg to call your attention to a matter which affects the public interest, and particularly the Army and Navy.

"A motion will be heard tomorrow in the Federal Court at Louisville, Ky., to dissolve, as it affects the territory of the State of Alabama, an injunction heretofore obtained by the Western Union Telegraph Company restraining the Louisville and Nashville Railway Company from removing from the rights of way of the railway company the poles and wires of the telegraph company. If the motion is granted it is expected that the Louisville and Nashville Railway Company will immediately cut down the poles of the telegraph company upon its right of way (the Western Union attorneys had positive knowledge to the contrary on June 19th, before they wrote this letter on June 28th)—and, as a glance at the map will show, this will result in the crippling of the service of the Western Union Telegraph Company in the State of Alabama, and also its interstate service routed through the State of Alabama.

"Under the Act of July 24th, 1866 (Rev. Stat. Par. 5263 et. seq.) the Western Union Telegraph Company is rendering service to the War and other Departments at rates fixed by the Postmaster General, and the telegrams of the Government have priority over all other business of the company and the Government has a right to acquire title to the Company's lines.

"Affidavits obtained by the Telegraph Company and to be presented at the hearing show that the service of the War Department at Washington to points on the Mexican Border is frequently routed via Montgomery and Mobile, Ala. over the right of way of the Louisville and Nashville Railway Company. Numerous other Governmental services are rendered over these lines affecting other Departments. The affidavits show that serious interference is likely to result to the service of the Navy Yard in Pensacola, Fla., and various Naval activities through the port of Mobile, Ala. The time is too short to lay before the Department the detailed facts and we quote a telegram received this morning from the President of the Telegraph Company, as follows:

"New York, N. Y., June 28th, 1917, 11:07 A. M.

Wilson, Huidekoper & Lesh, Washington, D. C.: I am wiring you to confirm in all respects statements made in message sent you last night by General Attorney Benedict. The Western Union Telegraph Company urgently desires the good offices of the War and Navy Departments to secure through the United States Attorney at Louisville a postponement of the hearing of the railroad company's motion to dissolve the injunction at least until the government can ascertain the facts. The Adjutant General of Alabama has made affidavit "that in the mobilization of troops it is absolutely necessary to make considerable use of the Western Union Telegraph Company in a very large part of the State of Alabama at parts that are only reached by telegraph over lines that are now on the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville Railway Company" and further stating "that any destruction or interference with the Western Union Telegraph Company's lines along the right of way of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company in Alabama would be a most serious handicap to the military service." (Signed) Newton D. Baker, President W. U. Tel. Co.

"It is a matter of general information that all transportation facilities, including the telegraph company's, are only by the utmost exertions able to cope with the greatly increased governmental business, and the destruction of lines of the Telegraph Company so important and over so great an area is certain to result in damage which will be fully appreciated only if the destruction is accomplished.

"We therefore respectfully and urgently request that the government, particularly the War Department, take steps to prevent this crippling of the telegraph service, or at least to postpone it until the Government can ascertain the facts, and to this end we suggest that the United States Attorney for the District in which Louisville, Ky., is located be instructed to take such action with regard to the motion which will be called for hearing tomorrow as will conserve the Government's interest. Respectfully, (Signed) Wilson, Huidekoper & Lesh.

SECRETARY OF WAR BAKER ACTS

Upon receipt of that letter Secretary of War Baker sent the following telegram:

"Washington, D. C., June 29th, 1917, 6:05 P. M. Milton H. Smith, President, Louisville & Nashville Railroad Co., Louisville, Ky.

I am informed that a controversy exists between the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company as to the right to maintain lines and poles on the right of way of your company. The Government has no interest in this controversy, but the continued maintenance and operation of the telegraph lines is essential to the public safety. No damage must be permitted to them, and if necessary the government will seize the lines and operate them for military purposes. (Signed) Newton D. Baker, Sec. of War."

President Smith referred the telegram to Col. H. L. Stone, General Counsel for the L. & N., who replied by telegram as follows:

POSTAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY

"Louisville, Ky., June 30th, 1917, 12 o'clock noon. Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C.

Your wire to President Smith received. Western Union's lines on Louisville & Nashville right of way constructed and operated by contract which was terminated voluntarily by Western Union itself as of August 17, 1912, whereupon Western Union, by suit in Federal Court at Louisville, obtained temporary injunction enjoining railroad company from taking possession or interfering with telegraph lines until Western Union's suits brought to condemn in State Courts were determined. The Courts of Alabama, after five years litigation, have finally denied Western Union's right to condemn railroad Company's right of way in that state. These judgments of the Alabama Supreme Court were affirmed by United States Supreme Court on 11th instant. The railroad company has entered motion in the Federal Court here set for next Monday to dissolve injunction as far as lines in Alabama are concerned, allowing Western Union reasonable time to remove from premises, having suggested three months for that purpose. This Company has no intention to use force to effect removal, but is proceeding in an orderly way through the Federal Court to obtain possession of its own right of way, which it has been deprived of for nearly five years without being paid any compensation whatever for use and occupation thereof. Either party has right of appeal from order on motion. No interruption of telegraphic service to the Government will result. Railroad Company has its own telegraph and telephone lines in Alabama in its rights of way over which it has heretofore and is now performing Government service and is ready, able and willing to continue such service, and if necessary to increase its facilities for same to extent needed or desired, under its acceptance of Act of Congress filed in 1912 with Post Master General. It has also heretofore offered to rent to Western Union space for its wires on railroad Company's pole line, to which they may be transferred without interruption of telegraph service to the Government or the public at usual and customary rental, and has also heretofore offered to lease to Western Union present location on Railroad right of way in Alabama at reasonable rental. Under these conditions, I, therefore, hope the Government will not take any steps which will interfere with railroad company's effort to secure control of its own property as against one who has no right to occupy it without the owner's consent, but who has already thus held it for five years. Please wire by Postal Telegraph at my expense copy of statement made or filed with you or your Department by Representative of Western Union concerning this controversy. H. L. Stone, General Counsel.

Secretary of War Baker replied as follows:

POSTAL TELEGRAM

"Washington, D. C., June 30, 1917. H. L. Stone, General Counsel, Louisville & Nashville Ry. Co., Louisville, Ky.

Telegram received. The Government, of course, will do nothing to prejudice the rights of either party in such a controversy. No reason exists why you should not proceed to judgment in your rights, but actual interference with the operation of the lines cannot be permitted. If such step should seem to you necessary, communicate with the War Department and, if necessary, the Department will take over the lines for the Government operation until substitute facilities are adequate. Letter follows. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War."

NO KNOWLEDGE OF FACTS

Secretary of War Baker, under date of July 4th, addressed the following letter to Col. Stone:

"Washington, July 4th, 1917. My Dear Mr. Stone: In further response to your telegram of June 30th, I enclose herewith a copy of a letter left with the Assistant Secretary of War by Wilson, Huidekoper & Lesh, Counsel for the Western Union Telegraph Company. I have not the least intention of interference in this controversy between the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company. The matter is in Court and the rights of the parties will doubtless be adjudicated as they ought to be without any sort of consideration beyond the rights involved. The War Department, however, feels obliged to insist that the physical integrity of these telegraph lines be not interfered with in the public interest; and if it should become necessary to do so, I will request the President's authority to take over the lines, operating them for official communication under such terms and conditions as will protect the emergency interests of the Government during the war.

"The action which I am taking must, of course, be understood to be wholly without reference to the respective rights of the railroad company and the telegraph company in the legal controversy. I do not assume any knowledge of the facts, or of the law, in that matter. Respectfully yours, Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War."

Not having received the information requested in his telegram of June 30th, and before receipt of the letter from Secretary of War Baker, dated July 4th, Col. Stone addressed the following letter to the Secretary of War under date of July 6th:

"Louisville, Ky., July 6th, 1917. Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, Washington, D. C. Dear Sir: Your telegram of the 30th ult., concerning the controversy between this Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company as to the latter's right to maintain lines and poles on this company's right of way, was duly received, and I am gratified to note your statement that no reason exists why this company should not proceed to judgment in its rights. You conclude your telegram by stating "that letter follows." I have not yet received your letter as promised.

"In my telegram, to which yours was an answer, I requested that you wire by Postal Telegraph at my expense, copy of statement made or filed with you or your Department by the representatives of the Western Union Telegraph Company concerning this controversy. I assumed that the letter which was to follow your telegram would furnish me with this information.

"All that this company is endeavoring to do is to obtain possession as soon as practicable of its rights

of way in the State of Alabama where the Western Union has been denied by final judgment the right to condemn such rights of way for the purpose of continuing its telegraph line thereon.

"The contract between the two companies was terminated by the Western Union itself in August, 1912, and since then it has, against this company's will and consent, held possession of the Railroad Company's rights of way without paying any sum whatsoever for the use and occupation thereof.

"In this company's motion to dissolve the temporary injunction granted by the Federal Court here in December, 1912, so far as the lines in Alabama were concerned, it was insisted that if the Court was of opinion the Western Union should have a reasonable time within which to remove its telegraph poles, wires and fixtures from this company's right of way a period of three months was sufficient for that purpose, and the officials and attorneys of the Western Union were fully aware of the fact that this company did not propose to destroy or interrupt the service to the public or Government rendered by the lines of the Western Union on its rights of way in Alabama; on the contrary, its motion was to the Court to dissolve the temporary injunction heretofore granted since the effort by the Western Union to condemn the Railroad Company's rights of way in Alabama had proved unsuccessful, and said injunction had only been granted temporarily and until that stage had been reached. The resistance by the Western Union to the motion made by this Company is for delay and to avoid paying any compensation for the use and occupancy of this Company's rights of way, and any statement made by the Telegraph Company or its representatives to you or your Department or to Attorney General, who has written a letter to the Federal Judge before whom this injunction suit is pending, contrary to the foregoing statement of facts, is without foundation and doubtless intended to prejudice the officials of the Government against this Company.

"I, therefore, repeat my request that you furnish me with the information referred to in my telegram to you of the 30th ult.

"I wish to assure you that all this company desires is either possession of its rights of way, to which it is entitled, or compensation from the Western Union for the use and occupation thereof until such possession is obtained by due process of law. Respectfully yours, H. L. Stone, General Counsel."

WRITES TO TRIAL JUDGE

In the meantime similar misrepresentations had been made to United States Attorney General Gregory, causing Attorney General Gregory to address the following letter to Judge Walter Evans, of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Kentucky, before whom the application to dissolve the injunction in Alabama had been filed. The letter was given wide publicity in the newspapers throughout the country:

"Hon. Walter Evans, Sir: The Secretary of War has brought to my attention the situation arising out of the litigation in your Court between the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company with reference to the operation of telegraph lines on the Louisville & Nashville right of way.

"He states that an effort will be made next Monday to dissolve the injunction restraining the railroad company from removing the telegraph poles from its right of way, and that in the event the injunction is dissolved the railroad company has announced that it will immediately cut down the poles and thereby destroy the telegraph lines in question. Such action will seriously interfere with the mobilization of troops and other military operations and under existing conditions cannot be permitted by the Government.

"In this situation the Secretary of War has telegraphed to the Presidents of the Louisville & Nashville Railroad Company and the Western Union Telegraph Company that, while the Government has no interest in their controversy, the maintenance and operation of the telegraph lines were essential to the public safety and that, if necessary, the Government would seize the lines and operate them for military purposes. Copies of these telegrams are enclosed for your information.

"The Government does not desire to take such action unless the military use of these lines cannot be assured in any other way, and I am writing this letter to put you in possession of the facts which have developed here, so that you may in the exercise of a wise discretion and public duty take such action as you may find proper to avoid further embarrassment to the Government's military operations at this critical time.

"I assume that no immediate action changing the status quo will in the circumstances be taken, and that, in the event you desire a more formal presentation of the Government's views, suitable time will be allowed for this purpose."

WIDESPREAD MISREPRESENTATION

Not only was this exchange of correspondence included in, but under date of July 4th there appeared in the public press throughout the country an authorized statement issued by the War Department, of which the following language is a part:

"As the case approached the point of deadlock it was understood that the road officials had given orders to gangs of their workmen to arm themselves with axes and remove the telegraph company's property by the simplest possible method—chopping down the poles."

There is not now, never has been, and never will be the slightest intention on the part of the L. & N. to illegally destroy property, not only Western Union property, but any property whatsoever. If the L. & N. is anything it is a constructive force in the community and not a destroyer. These facts the Western Union well knew and well knows.

The Western Union has already used the right of way of the L. & N. since August 17, 1912, without paying any compensation to the Railroad Company whatsoever therefor. The suggestion made by the Western Union that the telegraph lines be not removed from the Railroad Company's right of way until a reasonable length of time after the termination of the present world war is simply a play for time on the part of the Western Union to enable it to continue to use the right of way of the L. & N. without compensation.

SEEKS TO STIFLE COMPETITION

There is another angle to the activity of the Western Union. That company well knows that the L. & N. has telegraphic and telephonic facilities which are in many respects superior to the facilities offered by the Western Union. The L. & N. has its own telephone and telegraph lines and connections, including its main line between Cincinnati and New Orleans, a distance of 920 miles, and is now serving the Government, and is prepared to serve the public in Alabama and elsewhere on its system, promptly and efficiently and with entire satisfaction in the transmission of telephone and telegraph messages. The activity of the Western Union, in addition to its determination to use the L. & N. right of way without compensation, is to stifle and eliminate from the telegraph field what it knows will be formidable competition.

The L. & N. regrets extremely the necessity for this communication to the people, but is fully determined that it will not submit supinely to misrepresentations by either individual or corporation with consequent prejudice to it in the minds of the general public. The L. & N. has faith in the people and is content to rest its cause with the people once a correct understanding of the facts is had.

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